

United States Postal Service located at 324 South Laramie Street, in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Reverend Milton R. Brunson Post Office Building";

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Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection: H.R. 2604, to amend title 11, United States Code, to protect certain charitable contributions. Subsequently, the House passed in lieu S. 1244, a similar Senate passed bill—clearing the measure for the President. H.R. 2604 was then laid on the table.

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Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Act—Vote Postponed: The House completed general debate on H.R. 3433, to amend the Social Security Act to establish a ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide beneficiaries with disabilities meaningful opportunities to return to work and to extend Medicare coverage for such beneficiaries, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for impairment-related work expenses. The vote on final passage was postponed until Thursday, June 4.

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H. Res. 450, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Extension of Waiver Authority—China: Message wherein he transmitted his determination that a twelve month waiver extension of the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the People's Republic of China will substantially promote the objectives of section 402—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–262);

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Extension of Waiver Authority—Vietnam: Message wherein he transmitted his determination that a twelve month waiver extension of the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam will substantially promote the objectives of section 402—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–263); and

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Extension of Waiver Authority—Belarus: Message wherein he transmitted his determination that a twelve month waiver extension of the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the Republic of Belarus will substantially promote the objectives of section

402—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–264).

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Agricultural Research—Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time to consider the conference report to accompany S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs, and for other purposes; and that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived (except those arising under section 425 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974).

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 11:55 p.m.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H3977–78.

Referrals: S. 1800, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 85 Marconi Boulevard in Columbus, Ohio, as the "Joseph P. Kinneary United States Courthouse"; and S. 2032, to designate the Federal building in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building", were both referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4056–63.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4025, H4025–26, and H4026–27. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 4.

Committee Meetings

SELECTIVE AGRICULTURE EMBARGOES ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on H.R. 3654, Selective Agriculture Embargoes Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Lon Hatamiya, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to begin mark up of the Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

Will continue tomorrow.

HOW SANCTIONS CAN AFFECT U.S. POLICY INTERESTS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on How Sanctions Can Affect U.S. Policy Interests. Testimony was heard from Stuart Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economics, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; Jan Paul Acton, Assistant Director, Natural Resources and Commerce Division, CBO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on Effects of Consolidation on the State of Competition in the Financial Services Industry. Testimony was heard from Laurence Meyer, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; John Nannes, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Bill Baer, Director, Bureau of Competition, FTC; and public witnesses.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H. Con. Res. 284, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998, establishing the congressional budget for fiscal year 1999 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, providing three hours of general debate with two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, including one hour on economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Saxton and Representative Stark. The rule provides for the consideration as an original concurrent resolution for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part 1 of the Rules Committee report. The rule makes in order only those amendments in the nature of a substitute printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report to be offered only in the order specified, only by the Member designated, debatable for one hour each equally divided and controlled and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments except that if an amendment in the nature of a substitute is adopted, it is not in order to consider further substitutes. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the concurrent resolution, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule permits the Chairman of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House to achieve mathematical consistency pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Budget Act. The rule sus-

pends the application of House Rule XLIX (relating to the establishment of the statutory limit on the public debt) with respect to the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1999. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich and Representatives Scarborough, Spratt, Minge, and Stenholm.

TIANANMEN SQUARE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 285, expressing the sense of the Congress that the President of the United States should reconsider his decision to be formally received in Tiananmen Square by the Government of the People's Republic of China, in the House. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and a Member opposed. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—RESTORING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 78, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom in the House. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read, and that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the joint resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except as specified. The rule provides for one hour of debate on the joint resolution, as amended, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule also provides for consideration of a further amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, which may be offered only by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canady, Istook, Scott, Edwards, Bishop, and Green.

FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, examining proposals regarding personal accounts. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of

Michigan; Edward M. Gramlich, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Fred T. Goldberg, Executive Director, Bipartisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform; and public witnesses.

INDIAN NUCLEAR TESTING—PANEL FINDINGS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Panel Findings on the Indian Nuclear Testing. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

SENATE

Committee on Appropriations, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, proposed legislation making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 1 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold open and closed (SR-222) hearings on the future threats to the Department of Defense information systems, including the Year 2000 problems and the sale of the frequency spectrum, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on United States forces participating in NATO Operations in Bosnia and progress in achieving benchmarks in the civil implementation of the Dayton Agreement, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development, to resume oversight hearings on the programs and operations of the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings by the International Affairs Task Force to examine foreign affairs funding outside the account established by the Budget Committee, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Communication Commission's oversight of the Cable Services Bureau, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the competitive implications of domestic and international alliances among airlines, 2:15 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's climate change proposal, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to resume hearings on S. 1253, to provide to the Federal land management agencies the authority and capability to manage effectively the federal lands in accord-

ance with the principles of multiple use and sustained yield, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine commercial work within the Federal Government, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business, to hold oversight hearings on the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1013 in today's Record.

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Committee on Agriculture, hearing on Review of off-budget funds administered by the Forest Service, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on National Security, executive, to continue markup of the Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1999, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing and markup of H.R. 3662, U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Electronic Commerce: New Methods for Making Electronic Purchases, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 401, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that social promotion in America's schools should be ended and can be ended through the use of high-quality, proven programs and practices; H. Res. 399, urging the Congress and the President to work to fully fund the Federal Government's obligation under the Individual with Disabilities Education Act; H.R. 3892, English Language Fluency Act; H. Res. 417, regarding the importance of fathers in the raising and development of their children; H.R. 3874, WIC Reauthorization Amendments of 1998; H.R. 3871, to amend the National School Lunch Act to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance during the summer months; and H.R. 3254, IDEA Technical Amendments Act of 1998; and to approve Contract Agreements providing services to the Committee regarding its oversight investigation of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters election, 12:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, and the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint hearing on the Sale of Body Parts by the People's Republic of China, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on U.S. Policy Options Toward Indonesia: What We Can Expect; How We Can Help, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.